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Thornhill follows Jungmann's lead, becomes Longhorns' ace pitcher

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Calendar

Stand-up 2.0

Tosh Tour Twenty Twelve brings stand-up comedian Daniel Tosh to the Bass Concert Hall stage for two performances. Shows are from 7-9 p.m. and 9:30-11:30 p.m. at the Bass Concert Hall. Tickets start at \$39.50.

'Eatin' Shrimp'

The Center for Sustainable Development screens "Eating Alaska" and "The Shrimp" as part of its Food for Thought Film Series. Snacks and a discussion will follow the screening. The screenings start at 7 p.m. in GOL 2.110 and is open to everyone.

Student Film & Photography

Enjoy original film and photography by University of Texas graduate students, along with free food and beverages. Cash prizes awarded for best entries, based on audience vote. The event will be held at the 29th Street Ballroom at Spider House and is open to everyone.

Today in history

In 1994

Iconic Rock singer Kurt Cobain was found dead in his Seattle, Wash. home. Cobain left a suicide note quoting Neil Young's lyric that it's "better to burn out than to fade away."

On the web



How to Play Werewolf

The Madrigal Dinner Committee proudly presents the student-created and produced "Werewolves: A New Musical." This production tells the story of a small town with a big secret. The production is based off of the card game, Werewolf.



Quote to note

"You've got to stay hungry or else you're never going to get better."

— **Nathan Thornhill**
Pitcher

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UTPD program to target laptop thefts

By **Jody Serrano**
Daily Texan Staff

Chances of recovering stolen laptops may increase this year with the launch of a new UT program designed to lead

campus law enforcement to the perpetrator.

Larry Bloom, a UT System police inspector, said he first noticed laptops were among the highest number of reported stolen items across the nine UT af-

filiated schools last October. Bloom said he is working on a plan in which UT students can install tracking software on their computers as an extra precaution against theft and hopes to unveil it this fall.

At the moment, Bloom said he is working on finding the right software company for this service at the most affordable level. More than 200 laptop thefts

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GET CRACKING FOR EASTER



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Nathan Ochoa plays Wednesday afternoon along Airport Boulevard while his mother and other members of The Light of the World church sell Easter eggs and piñatas to raise funds for the church.

Students give input on cycling conflict areas

By **Alexandra Klima**
Daily Texan Staff

In order to avoid the sometimes inevitable collision between bikers and pedestrians, a group is working to make UT-Austin a more pedestrian and cyclist friendly campus.

UT students gave their input on cyclist and pedestrian interactions yesterday at an interactive mapping event called Mapping Conflicts Areas on Campus, which attempted to identify campus areas of conflict between different modes of transportation, said community and regional planning graduate student Jared Genova. The event was hosted by the UT Safe Cycling Campaign, whose current focus is gathering input and opinions from students in order to make the University more accessible to both pedestrians and cyclists.

Community and regional planning graduate student Beth Rosenbarger led the event and said she, as a researcher in infrastructure and design, along with the UT Safe Cycling Campaign, is hoping to improve campus for cyclists and pedestrians and create a more environmentally sustainable campus.

"The University has an opportunity to be known as one of the most excellent cyclist and environmentally friendly campuses in the nation," Rosenbarger said. "With a campus redesign currently in progress, now is the perfect time to reach our potential."

The event provided multiple ways to gauge University opinion on the good and bad areas for commuting around campus. A large campus map

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Math professor earns Friar Fellowship

By **Alexandra Klima**
Daily Texan Staff

A professor's 9 a.m. calculus class was interrupted when the Longhorn Band playing UT fight songs barged in yesterday to honor the professor and his achievements.

A large group of mathematics professor James W. Vick's friends, co-workers students and members of the Longhorn band gathered outside of Vick's classroom to present the Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship, while Vick taught his class, unaware of the coming award reveal.

The Longhorn band played "The Eyes of Texas," and Vick was presented with a handful of orange and white, UT-themed balloons and an oversized cardboard check in the amount of \$25,000 to use at his discretion. The Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship is one of the most prestigious teaching awards on campus. The UT Friar Society presents this award annually to one under-



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Former student government president Natalie Butler congratulates mathematics Professor James Vick for receiving the Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship Wednesday morning.

graduate professor who demonstrates excellence in teaching undergraduates and who contributes to the University community. The FCTF has an endowment of more than \$500,000

and an annual award of \$25,000, making it the largest faculty award at the University.

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Blogger, government professor exemplifies foreign policy savvy

By **Rachel Thompson**
Daily Texan Staff

Associate government professor Terri Givens teaches two government classes, updates two weekly blogs, runs marathons and insists on holding a family dinner every night.

For Givens, interest in foreign policy with a focus on Europe was ingrained in her early on, she said. Givens said she began learning French in middle school and went on to study abroad in France during her undergraduate years at Stanford University. Upon enrolling in graduate school at UCLA, Givens switched her focus from international relations to

domestic politics and began taking German. She now focuses mainly on immigration issues in addition to European domestic politics. Givens was one of 14 professors to attend the Brussels Forum on March 23-25, amidst approximately 200 invited House of Representatives members, senators, ambassadors, university professors from around the world and members of the European Union.

A focus on Europe was a natural choice for her, Givens said.

"Europe has always been fascinating to me," she said. "I'm continually fascinated by European politics. And the Europeans are equally fascinated



Associate government professor Terri Givens was one of only 14 professors chosen to attend the annual Brussels Forum last month. The attendees of the conference — which numbered approximately 200 — included several policy makers and academics from around the world.

Raveena Bhalara
Daily Texan Staff

by us, so it's a two-way street."

Givens, who has attended the forum several times, said the diversity of attendees this year made the event an enriching experience.

"It was just this amazing array of people from the EU and the U.S.," she said. "It's truly transatlantic in

that they get high-level officials from Congress and business leaders and ambassadors. It was just this amazing experience."

Forum attendees discussed current environmental, economic and political issues, including recent activity in Syria and Afghanistan, as

well as discussions concerning energy issues. Givens said the topics discussed encompassed many of her direct interests as well as other areas of foreign policy. Givens said other leaders from Europe have mixed

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NEWS BRIEFLY

First shipment of marines arrive in Australia, base not planned

CANBERRA, Australia — The first detachment of 200 U.S. Marines has arrived in northern Australia, where a permanent joint training hub is taking shape as part of a U.S. shift of military strength in the Asia-Pacific region. In November, the United States and Australia announced plans to send more U.S. military aircraft to Australia and to rotate up to 2,500 Marines through the northern city of Darwin to better protect American interests across Asia. Prime Minister Julia Gillard said the rotation will not include heavy equipment, vehicles or aircraft. Defense Minister Stephen Smith rejected analysis that the closer military ties between Australia and the United States, Australia's most important security ally, are a response to the growing military assertiveness of China, Australia's most important trading partner.

Judge's convictions investigated after drug addiction discovered

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — A finding that a Tennessee judge was high on prescription pills during the last two years of his career is calling into question convictions in many of the criminal cases he handled. The outcome could overwhelm the court system in Knox County with cases that must be retried. An investigative file on former Knox County Judge Richard Baumgartner says he bought pills during courtroom breaks and traded pills for sex in his chambers. Another judge has already overturned several convictions based on the investigation, ordering new trials in one of the city's most notorious killings. Prosecutors say Baumgartner presided over more than 1,000 cases his last two years on the bench. He pleaded guilty to one count of official misconduct last year.

— The Associated Press

Police corruption surfaces in shooting trial

By Cain Burdeau & Michael Kunzelman
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Five former New Orleans police officers were sentenced Wednesday to prison terms for their roles in deadly shootings of unarmed residents in the chaotic days after Hurricane Katrina, with the judge lashing out at prosecutors for two hours on their handling of the case.

Police shot six people at the Danziger Bridge on Sept. 4, 2005, killing two, less than a week after Katrina made landfall. To make the shootings appear justified, officers conspired to plant a gun, fabricate witnesses and falsify reports. The case became the centerpiece of the Justice Department's push to clean up the troubled New Orleans Police Department.

Kenneth Bowen, Robert Gisevius, Anthony Villavaso and Robert Faulcon were convicted of federal firearms charges that carried mandatory minimum prison sentences of at least 35 years. Retired Sgt. Arthur "Archie" Kaufman, who was assigned to investigate the shootings, was convicted of helping orchestrate the cover-up. Faulcon, who was convicted on charges in both fatal shootings, faces the stiffest sentence of 65 years. Bowen and Gisevius each face 40 years, while Villavaso was sentenced to 38. Kaufman received a sentence of six years. Afterward, U.S. District Judge Kurt Engelhardt accused prosecutors of cutting overly lenient plea deals



Susan Bartholemew, whose arm was shot off by New Orleans police, listens as prosecutors speak outside Federal Court after sentences were handed down in the case in New Orleans, on Wednesday. Five former New Orleans police officers were sentenced Wednesday to prison terms ranging from six to 65 years for their roles in deadly shootings of unarmed residents in the chaotic days after Hurricane Katrina.

Gerald Herbert
Associated Press

with other officers who cooperated with the civil rights investigation. The former officers pleaded guilty to covering up the shooting and are already serving prison terms.

"These through-the-looking-glass plea deals that tied the hands of this court ... are an affront to the court and a disservice to the community," Engelhardt said.

The judge also questioned the credibility of the officers who pleaded guilty and testified against those who went to trial.

"Citing witnesses for perjury at this trial would be like handing out speeding tickets at the Indy 500," Engelhardt said.

Egyptians protest Islamist constitutional committee majority

CAIRO — The head of Egypt's constitutional assembly said Wednesday the committee will forge ahead with its work despite appeals from liberals, Christians and others who walked out in protest against the Islamist domination of the panel.

The walkouts are angry that the Islamist majority parliament appointed a panel that they say is not representative of minorities and other political factions. The makeup of the 100-member

panel currently boasts 60 people affiliated with Islamist groups. The new constitution will determine whether Egypt leans toward more conservative Islam and whether the decades-old system that concentrated power in the hands of the president will be maintained or replaced by an empowered parliament under an Islamist majority. Liberals and secular-minded Egyptians say a new charter should be written by a broad swath of

Egyptian society and not by a parliamentary majority. If the walkouts don't return, reserves will be used to fill all the walkouts' seats.

Ahmed el-Naggar, a committee member who pulled out, said religious institutions, such as Al-Azhar and the Coptic Church, were underrepresented.

"Islam has become what it means to

the Brotherhood and the Salafis only," he said.

Egypt's Islamist groups make up nearly three-quarters of parliament after sweeping the elections. Some Islamists on the panel say the number of walkouts is insufficient to call for its dissolution and the creation of a new panel from scratch, while others contend that an elected Islamist majority is

entitled to dominate the process.

Critics said that the constitution's legitimacy could be threatened if the views of those who are boycotting the process — representatives of minorities, women, religious institutions and political factions — are left out.

— The Associated Press

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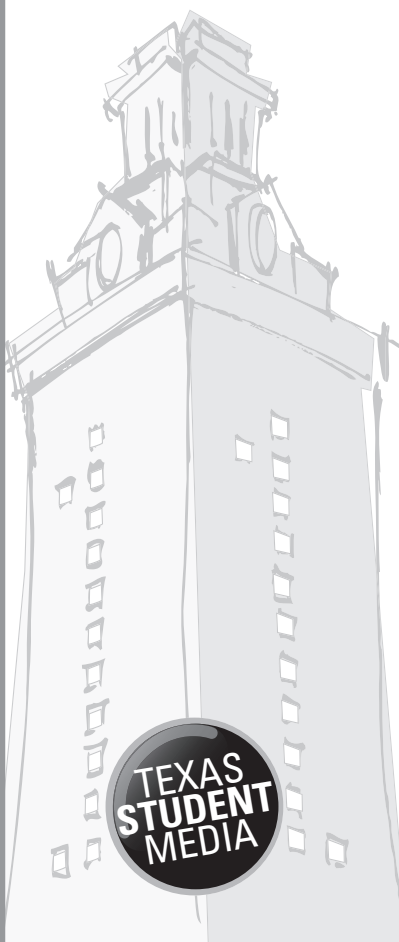
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VIEWPOINT

A lack of coordination

The state’s critiquer-in-chief, the Sunset Advisory Commission, issued its verdict on the state’s chief higher education overseer — and the results weren’t pretty. Late last month, the commission issued a report that skewered the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for its institutionalized mismanagement and isolated approach to policy decisions.

In one key example of the board’s lack of transparency, non-members may not speak at a meeting without first formally requesting permission before the meeting itself — thereby relying on the “savvy” of the general public to navigate the board’s bureaucracy simply to voice their opinions. Even worse, the commission found that “fear of retaliation” prevented many of the board’s naysayers from bothering to engage in the cumbersome process.

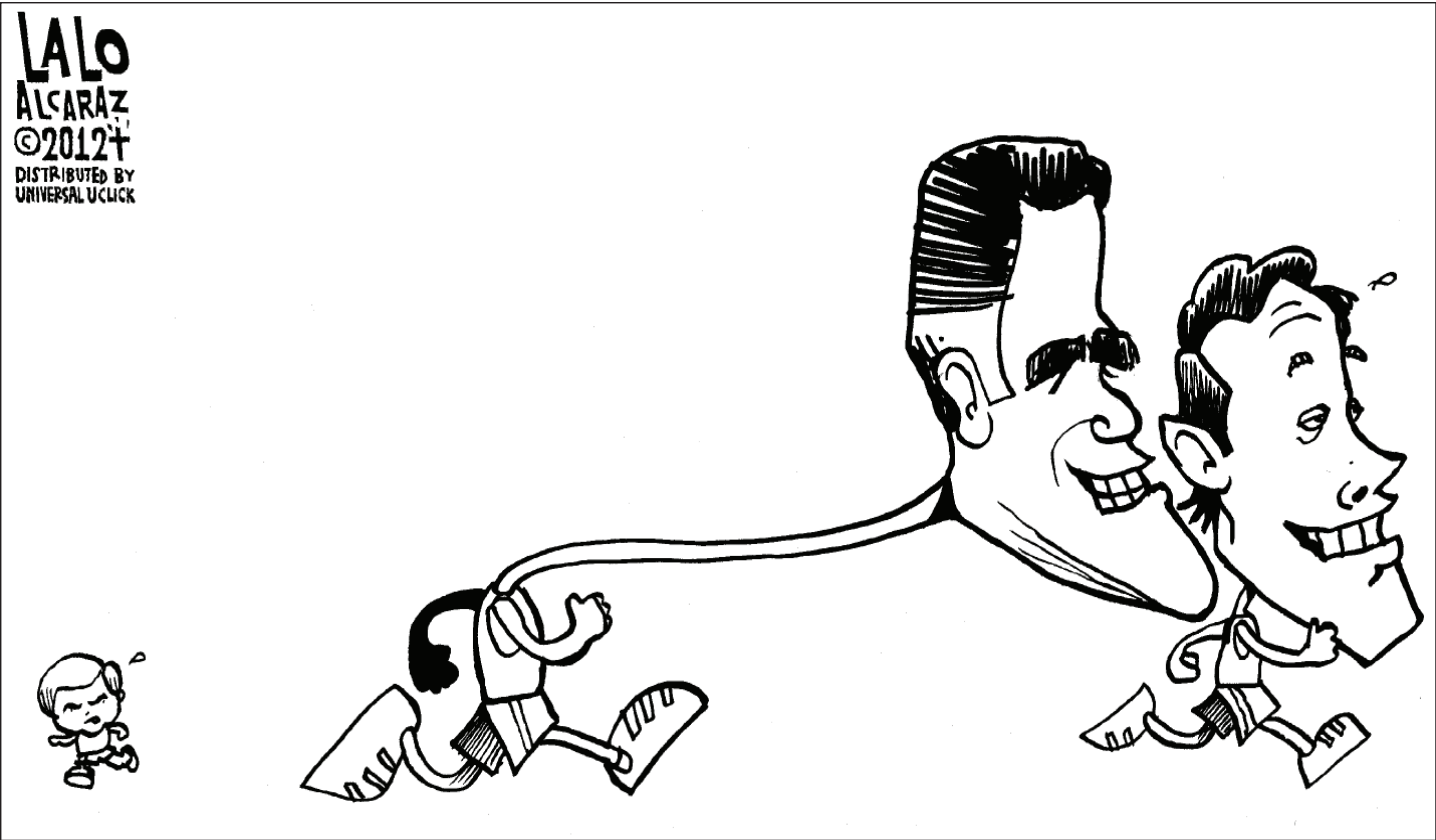
In his response to the report, board commissioner Raymund Paredes, writing on behalf of the entire board, agreed with the characterization that the board’s limited input “hinder[s] its ability” to successfully promote Texas higher education. The inclusion of the public in the board’s meetings will, according to Paredes, begin this month — though there are lingering questions as to why a government report was necessary to change the policy at all.

The commission’s review also scrutinized the board’s near-obsessive focus on Closing the Gaps — a board program that aims to bring Texas universities to parity with those in other large states — as a paradoxical commitment that “impedes ... strategic management of its own operations.” By adopting Closing the Gaps as its defining mantra, the board was able to simultaneously pontificate about the value of a college degree while leaving college students out to dry.

The board came under scrutiny in December for making a jarring miscalculation in TEXAS Grant allocations, leaving UT students who rely on the scholarship \$3.2 million short, collectively. Now, the board is under renewed scrutiny for the deficiencies of its B-On-Time loan program. The program, which provides a forgivable loan for qualifying students who graduate within four years, has a 22-percent default rate, which is twice that of the federal student loan default rate in Texas.

One of the implicit goals of B-On-Time, along with one of the goals of Closing the Gaps, is to increase the four-year graduation rate of the state’s universities. The focus on pushing students in and out of the college pipeline has found support in key leaders from state legislators to UT itself.

Organizations such as the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board exist because of an overarching goal to unite differing groups under the banner of advancing higher education and, as the commission concluded, should be preserved. But one of the fundamental problems of the board is its worrisome abdication of that mission. Texas legislators rely on the board for leadership; universities rely on the board for its guidelines; and, most importantly, students rely on the board for guardianship of their education.



Prescribing a healthy debate

By Kayla Oliver
Daily Texan Columnist

March 28 marked the end of oral arguments at the Supreme Court over the constitutionality of the 2010 Affordable Care Act. The lawsuit filed by Texas and 25 other states questions the legality of several of the act’s provisions, including the individual mandate — a stipulation that would require most Americans to purchase health insurance — and the expansion of the Medicaid system. Although deliberation has already begun behind closed doors, the court is not expected to release its decisions until this summer.

The case’s outcome holds serious consequences. Though neither attorneys nor judges mentioned President Barack Obama’s name during the oral arguments, it is tacitly acknowledged that the outcome of November’s presidential election rests in part on the court’s ruling. Obama has built much of his political clout on the Affordable Care Act, and the degree to which his ideas are implemented is sure to color his legacy as president.

The court’s decision will also affect college students, who, under the Affordable Care Act, would be allowed to stay on their parents’ insurance plan until age 26. This would allow them to defer worries about health insurance until a few years after college and would free them from the pressure to accept their first job offer out of a need for medical coverage. In addition, the government-sponsored insurance plans would cover preventive care such as cancer screenings and checkups and

would not discriminate against those with preexisting conditions.

Still, the provision of quality health care for all Americans should not come at the expense of our Constitution. The court’s task — and the task that all politically responsible Americans should attempt — is to separate ideology from legality.

First, and almost comically, the court must decide whether to honor the Anti-Injunction Act of 1876, a rather obscure rule that blocks lawsuits against a tax before that tax has been paid. If the court upholds the act, the lawsuit will be thrown out altogether since the tax in question — the penalty for Americans who do not purchase health insurance — will not be levied until 2014. However, it appears that in this case the justices will ignore or skirt around the Anti-Injunction Act.

The court must also address the Affordable Care Act’s most contentious tenet, the individual mandate to purchase health insurance. The act’s defenders claim that the mandate falls within the scope of federal power under the commerce clause, which gives Congress the power to regulate interstate trade. Since health insurance interactions frequently cross state boundaries, it seems reasonable to cite health care as an instance of interstate commerce governable under the Constitution. Critics, on the other hand, find the mandate an unconstitutional extension of federal power. Judging by the amount of time the court devoted to arguments over the mandate, there is a real chance that several of the justices — particularly the court’s five conservatives — will deem

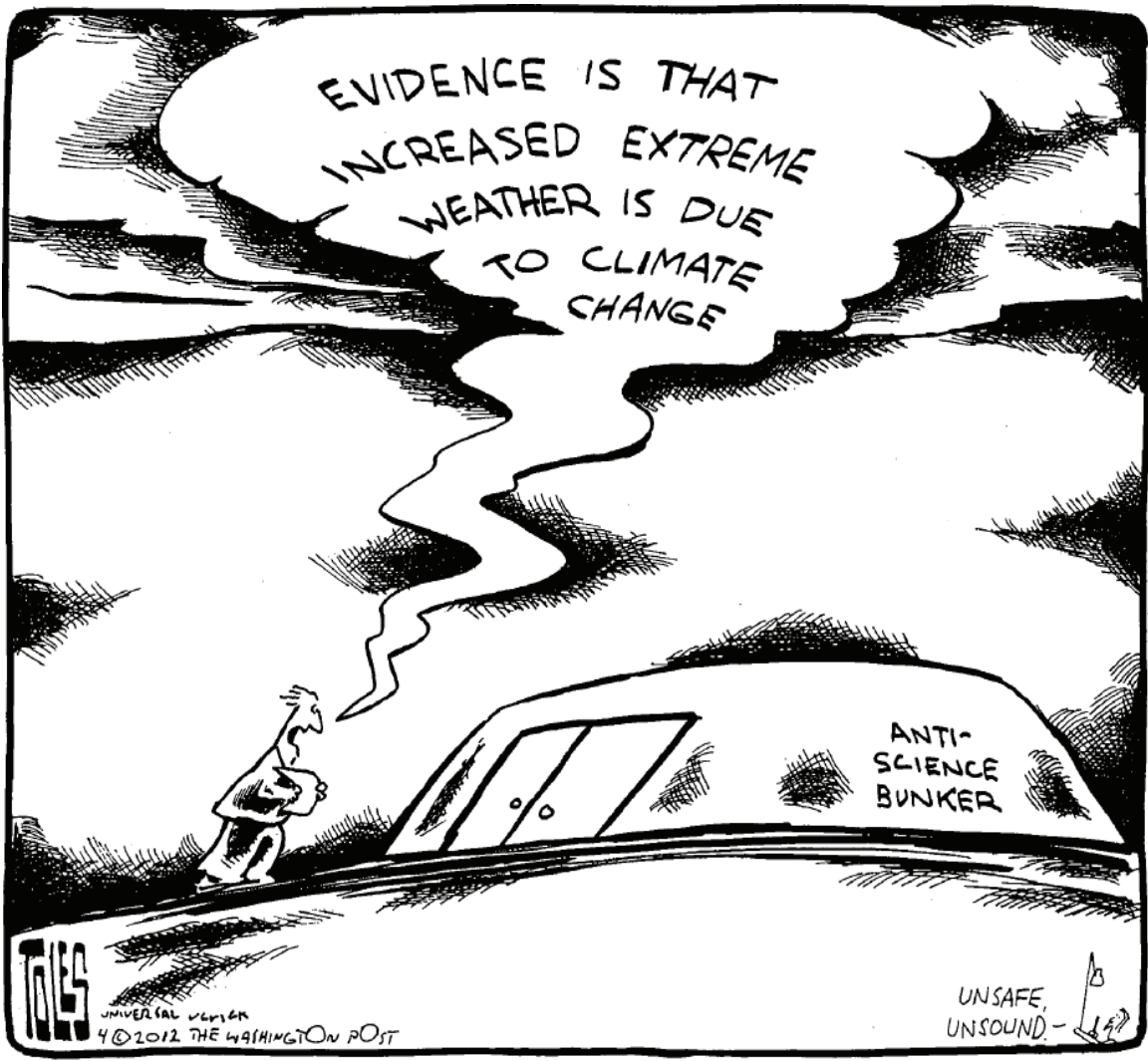
it unconstitutional.

Finally, the states that filed the suit claim that the act’s threat that states must accept a Medicaid expansion program or lose all of their Medicaid funding amounts to coercion. However, those states have conveniently ignored the fact that “the federal government ... expanded Medicaid several times in the past 30 years under the same exact terms with no constitutional objections from the states,” an argument the liberal justices made many times, according to Forbes. This recent conservative anxiety over the alleged aggression of the federal government may help explain the vehement opposition to the individual mandate as well.

Considering this precedent, it is unlikely that the court will rule against the Medicaid expansion. However, if it finds the individual mandate unconstitutional, the justices must then decide if the act can stand without the mandate. This question of “severability” has met with various responses among the justices, but it is clear that an act aiming to provide universal health care would be crippled without the provision that mandates the universal purchase of that care.

The justices are sure to reach differing decisions that will be complex and contradictory, but the ultimate fate of the Affordable Care Act has financial and medical implications for all Americans. Now that the health care debate has reached the nation’s highest court, it is time for us all to temporarily shelve ideological arguments in favor of a rational discussion of the act’s constitutionality.

Oliver is an English and sociology freshman.



A long way from Chicago

By Melissa Suran
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

If you travel about 1,000 miles north, you’ll find yourself in Obamaville, more commonly known as The Windy City or Chicago, my hometown. It’s not a secret that many Northerners are a tad bit skeptical of anything south of I-80.

Nevertheless, I decided to take a chance and move to Texas to attend one of the best universities in the country with the best weather — a Chicago winter makes Anchorage, Alaska, look like a tropical paradise. Luckily, Austin turned out to be everything that I had hoped for and more, especially when it came to the weather.

But even on the sunniest of days, after taking frantic notes during lectures, teaching labs and working on publishable research and theories that are probably anything but ground-breaking, many of us graduate students enjoy relaxing at home and indulging in the little pleasures of life.

As per usual, I came home late one night and turned on the TV before going to bed. “King of the Hill” was on, and in this episode, the main character, Hank Hill, made a deal to sell propane to a Renaissance Faire in Texas. Hank’s wife, Peggy, becomes involved with the Faire as well, but is forced into “female-appropriate” jobs, all of which have titles ending in “wench.” At the end of the episode, Peggy leads a suffragette movement more than 300 years before its time.

As a female pursuing a Ph.D. in journalism, I reflected on the fact that even 100 years ago, I would not have had this amazing opportunity.

Reuters features a census from 1911 that indicates only 70 women — nationally — were regarded as reporters, journalists or editors at the time. Journalism was traditionally a man’s job and female journalists like Nellie Bly, one of the first female investigative-reporters, had to go great lengths to prove she was just as capable as any man of writing hard news. And according to a reComparison.com article, women only accounted for 30 percent of college graduates with journalism degrees as late as in the 1970s. Moreover, as most moviebuffs can tell you, if you watch Will Ferrell’s “Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy,” you can see a satirized glimpse into the world of broadcast news back in the 1970s, which was not the easiest time for a woman to break into the field.

UT, which opened its doors in 1883, graduated its first female doctorate-recipient in 1916. Now, in 2011, five out of the eight doctoral students in my cohort are women. And out of those five women, one is African-American, one is Taiwanese and another is Chinese. The diversity embraced not only here on campus but also in American society is a beautiful thing.

None of this is uncommon knowledge. But sometimes we forget how fortunate we are, not only to pursue our passions no matter our sex, skin color or religious creed, but we are also lucky that cities like Chicago and Austin exist.

As the late Congresswoman Barbara Jordan once stated, “Do not call for black power or green power. Call for brain power.”

Suran is a journalism graduate student.

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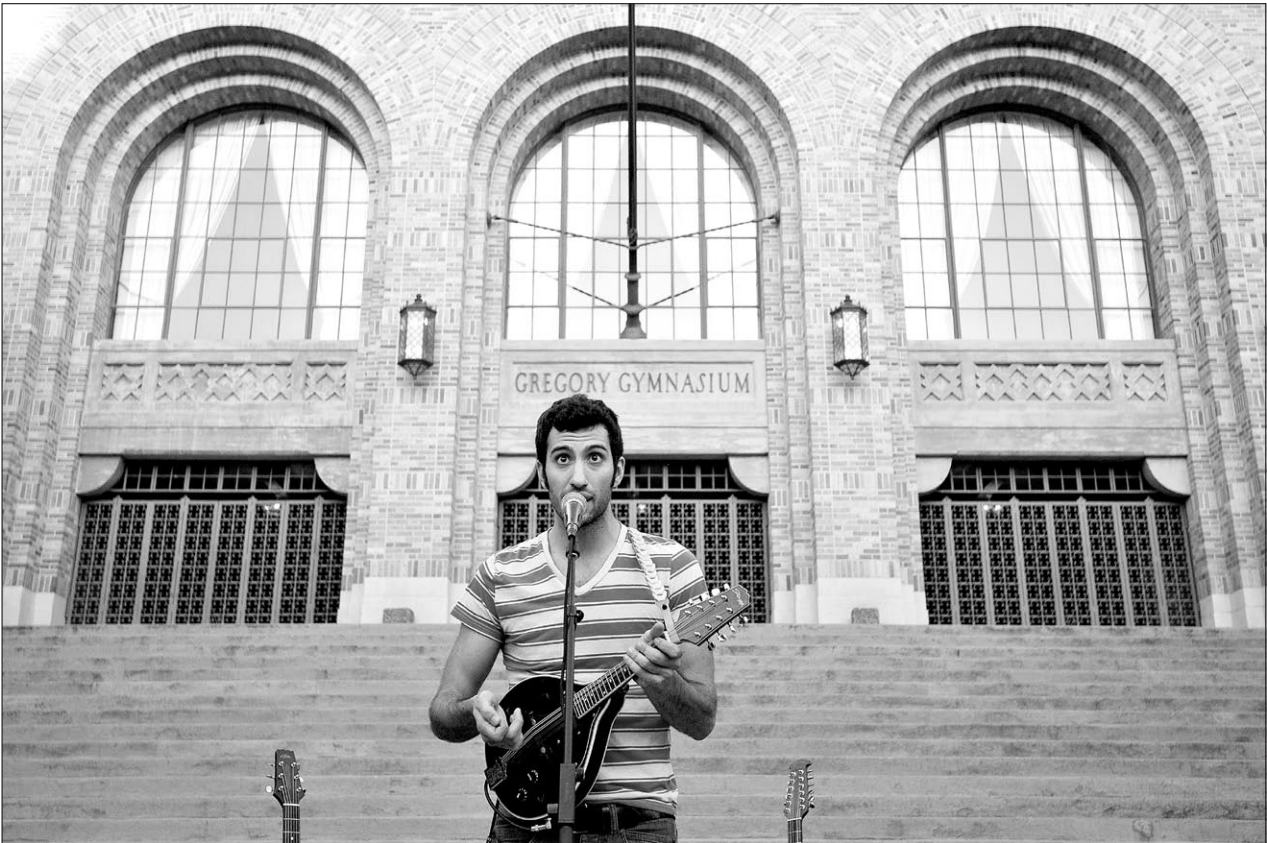
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Luis Soberon performs in front of Gregory Gym Wednesday evening as part of the Jamnesty event hosted by Amnesty International. The event focused on raising awareness for those in poverty who live in areas contaminated by oil companies.

Elisabeth Dillon
Daily Texan Staff



Jamnesty calls for Olympic sponsor ban

By Hannah Jane DeCiutiis
Daily Texan Staff


Through music and public speaking, students petitioned Wednesday night for the removal of a 2012 Olympic sponsor responsible for a 1984 tragedy. UT's first Jamnesty featured two speakers as well as two musical acts. The event, held on Gregory Plaza from 6 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, was hosted by UT's chapter of Amnesty International, which is a global organization dedicated to enforcing a standard for human rights worldwide. Jamnesty emphasized Amnesty International's Demand Dignity Campaign, which focuses on giving voice to those in poverty who are at a higher risk of having food and water contaminated by oil companies, according to the Amnesty International website. Petitions available at Jamnesty allowed students to support the removal of Dow Chemical as a 2012 Olympic sponsor because of their direct in-

volvement in the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy, which resulted in more than 20,000 deaths and more than 200,000 affected by chemical leaks in Bhopal, India. Additional petitions moved to have Shell compensate victims of the 2008 oil spill in the Niger Delta. French senior and Amnesty International president Anne Kuhnen said the event provided a call to action for students to become educated about issues affecting human rights. "Demand Dignity is about social, economic and cultural rights, which are access to food, education, health care and housing," Kuhnen said. "Jamnesty deals with those issues, specifically regarding adequate housing and the right to a clean water source." Amnesty International is the largest human rights organization in the world, with millions of supporters from around the globe, said sociology junior and Amnesty International treasurer Ian Bratcher.

"It started on behalf of what we call prisoners of conscience, which are people who are arrested and detained for their beliefs," Bratcher said. "It's spread through the years to address human rights issues throughout the world. We're trying to be advocates for people who are kind of left behind by the system at large, and get them empowered so they can fight their own battles." The event featured musical performances by Robot Williams, Luis Soberon and Wise Child. Bratcher said the concert atmosphere allowed Amnesty International to reach more students in order to spread awareness even further. "It's mainly an awareness event," Bratcher said. "I figured having a concert would be a good way to get people gathered around to hear about these issues. The more people we get mobilized and educated, the more we can do to change things." Journalism professor Robert Jensen was one of the speakers at

Jamnesty, and gave a talk about the importance of corporate accountability in fighting these human right issues. "The focus on the routine human rights abuses and environmental degradation that results from the modern corporation is crucial to understanding contemporary politics and economics," Jensen said. "Students are right to follow that, and they're doing it in the context of a worldwide human rights organization. It's exactly what we should be doing at a university, and I'm happy to be a part of it." Students who were initially attracted by the musical performances were able to become interested in Amnesty International's causes, said government freshman Nicholas Vasquez. "You can always use music to get a point across, and now [these issues] are something definitely worth looking at for me," Vasquez said. "I'd like to get more educated."

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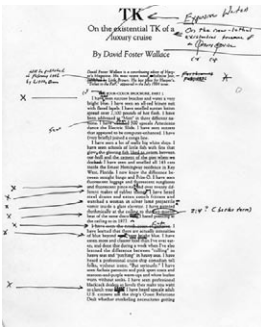
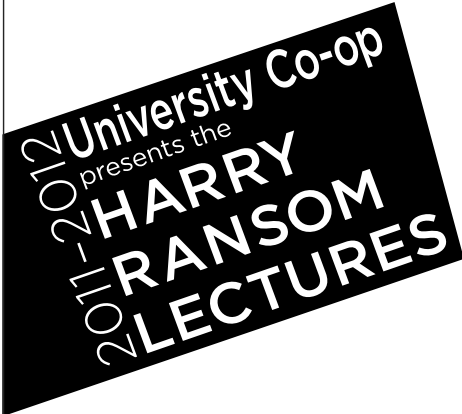

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Rangers reloading, seeking first title

By Ryan Haddox
Daily Texan Staff

Spring training has come to a close and the Texas Rangers are taking aim at finishing a job they came within inches of finishing last October.

In 2011, the Rangers roared through the regular season, posting a franchise best 96 wins and winning the American League West by a monstrous 10 games. After a bumpy start to the American League Division Series against the Tampa Bay Rays, the Rangers turned it around, taking the series in four games. They rolled through the Tigers in the American League Championship Series and returned to the World Series for a second consecutive season. After a titillating series with the Cardinals in the Fall Classic, the Rangers found themselves a single strike away from taking the throne on two separate occasions, before conceding the series in the seventh game in heart-wrenching fashion.

Now, the Rangers open 2012 hoping to finish the job once and for all.

It's mostly familiar faces returning for the Rangers, but a busy winter has lead to a few changes heading into the new campaign. Texas returns everyone from the most potent lineup in all of baseball a season ago, but there is a new face in the rotation. 2011 opening day starter and All-Star pitcher C.J. Wilson went Benedict Arnold on the Rangers in the offseason, inking a five-year deal with the rival Angels and leaving a big void in the pitching staff. In his place steps Japanese phenom Yu Darvish, who at the ripe age of 25 has more accolades to his name than most American pitchers will see in a career.

Darvish did not come cheap, as the Rangers had to post \$51 million just for the right to negotiate with the 6-foot-5 right-hander. After a month of negotiating, the Rangers finally signed Darvish to a six-year, \$60 million deal in hopes of his past success translating abroad.

Darvish was not the only impactful pitcher the Rangers signed in the offseason. After blowing the save in game six of the World Series, the Rangers decided it was time for closer Neftali Feliz to try his hand in the starting rotation. His replacement is former Twins closer Joe Nathan, who comes to Arlington with a career 89 percent save percentage, good for second all-time in the history of baseball. Nathan was robbed of his 2010 season with Tommy John surgery, and had a lackluster return in the first half of 2011. The second half was more telling as Nathan returned to form, and the Rangers are hoping he can reclaim his perch atop the closing elite.

The Rangers enter the new season as a favorite to return to the World Series again, but the path to the top got a bit murkier since baseball last convened. The Tigers added slugger Prince Fielder to their deep lineup. The Angels added arguably the best hitter in the game in Albert Pujols, along with the aforementioned Wilson to a rotation that was already considered one of the best in baseball.

Everyone in baseball knows the Rangers are going to slug with the best of 'em. If Darvish can fill the void left by Wilson and Derek Holland can continue his emergence as a frontline starter, the Rangers will be in fine shape to make another deep postseason run.



Paul Sancya (top) Jim Cowser (bottom) | Associated Press

The Rangers' newly-acquired pitcher Yu Darvish (top) carried a hefty price tag for teams wanting to sign him this offseason. Astros catcher Jason Castro (bottom) is finally healthy and ready to contribute in Houston.

Pennant race wide open in 2012



By Chris Hummer
Daily Texan Columnist

Opening day: It's a special time of year.

Hot dog vendors are open for business, employees everywhere are calling in sick to work and fathers and sons are making lifelong memories watching their favorite team begin the season anew.

All 30 teams start with a clean slate, and every fan believes their team has a shot to be competing in October — yes, even Cubs fans.

That dream of reaching the postseason became even more real this season, as the MLB added an extra wild card slot, meaning that five teams from each league make the playoffs instead of four.

But realistically, there are

only a few teams from the National League and the American League that have a shot at a ring each fall.

The American League is wide open, with up to six teams with real pennant aspirations. Offseason moves have altered the landscape of the league, and the balance of power has shifted to the AL with the moves of a pair of su-

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Opening weekend pitching matchups

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Red Sox @ Tigers	no game	Beckett vs. Fisher	Buchholz vs. Scherzer
Yankees @ Rays	Sabathia vs. Shields	Kuroda vs. Price	Hughes vs. Hellickson
Royals @ Angels	Chen vs. Weaver	Hochevar vs. Haren	Sanchez vs. Wilson
Cardinals @ Brewers	Gallardo vs. Garcia	Greinke vs. Wainwright	Wolf vs. Lynn

Sophomore pitcher Nathan Thornhill (36) throws a pitch in a recent game. Thornhill has take over for Taylor Jungmann as the Longhorns' ace pitcher.



Thornhill settles into role as ace

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

Four years ago yesterday, Taylor Jungmann and Nathan Thornhill squared off in an epic pitcher's duel.

Jungmann, a senior at Georgetown High School, and Thornhill, a sophomore at Cedar Park, each threw three-hitters in a District 16-5A clash in 2008. Neither pitcher surrendered a run in the first six innings but Jungmann came through with the game's only RBI, getting the decisive hit off of Thornhill in the top of the seventh inning as Georgetown triumphed, 1-0.

Both Jungmann and Thornhill would go on to become aces of the Longhorns pitching staff — Jungmann a year ago and Thorn-

hill this season.

"He definitely gave me a lot of grief for that when he was here," Thornhill said. "That game and the second time around he got game-winning hits."

The 12th overall pick in last year's MLB draft, Jungmann was given a \$2.525 million signing bonus by the Milwaukee Brewers. Jungmann went 13-3 with a 1.60 ERA as a junior last year en route to winning the Dick Howser Award for being college baseball's best player and helping Texas reach the College World Series. He left big shoes to fill for Thornhill, who is 3-2 with a 3.52 ERA this year. Thornhill will take the mound when Texas takes on Texas Tech Thursday evening in Lubbock.

"I have just as much confi-

dence in Nathan as I did in Taylor," said sophomore catcher Jacob Felts, who has extensive experience with both Thornhill and Jungmann. "He can throw all of his pitches in any counts that he wants to. He's got command with all his pitches."

Last year, Thornhill was primarily used as a middle reliever with Jungmann, Cole Green and Sam Stafford making up the Longhorns' rotation, and freshman Corey Knebel establishing himself as the team's closer. In 22 appearances and 38 innings, Thornhill went 3-0 with a 1.89 ERA while striking out 38 and walking only six. However, this season Thornhill was thrust into the role of ace pitcher and

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Florida Relays full of Longhorns, outdoor season officially begins

The Florida Relays will commence April 6-7 at Percy Beard Track with high school events this morning, but the first Texas athlete will take the field at noon. After placing in the middle of the pack last weekend, sophomore Bertha Sencherey will try to set the standards high from the get-go in the discus throw.

Freshman Morgan Snow will be the sole runner for UT in the 100-meter hurdles — the first University event of the meet. Snow, the only Longhorn to compete in the event so far this season, finished 14th at the Texas Relays with the fastest time by any female freshman.

In the 400-meter dash, sophomore Briana Nelson — who ran anchor in Saturday's victorious 4x400-meter relay team—will look to continue her reign as Texas' fastest 400-meter runner, a title she earned in last year's outdoor season with a time of 23.69. Joining Nelson will be senior Stacey-Ann Smith and junior Alicia Peterson who, despite competing last weekend in the 400-meter hurdles and the high jump, has yet to run the race outdoors this year.

At 3:00 p.m., Texas' participation in the meet will shift focus to field events, starting with the polevault. While Natasha Masterson will attempt to raise herself high enough to trump her freshman-year personal best of 4.20-meters, just two inches short of the all-time school record, senior Jessica Doyle will need to focus on recovering from her last-place performance at the Texas Relays.

The last running event of the Florida Relays for UT will be the 200-meter Invite at 5:35 p.m. on Friday. Christy Udoh, Allison Peter and Chalonda Goodman — the Longhorns who are scheduled to compete in the event — also ran legs for the Texas team in Saturday's 4x200-meter relay finals, a race in which UT was held to second place due to a botched baton exchange.

— Kristin Otto

GAMBINO

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Senior nursing major Vanessa Mayanja hopes that Childish Gambino's show will be as wild as his Fun Fun Fun Fest performance. "During his set, the crowd went crazy and



Photo courtesy of Machine Gun Kelly
Machine Gun Kelly tags along with rapper Tech N9ne for a show at Emo's East.

started crowd surfing towards the front," said Mayanja. "Those of us at the front would throw them right into the security guards."

Tech N9ne

Debuting back in 1999 with his first full-length album, *The Calm Before the Storm*, rapper

Tech N9ne has released 11 studio albums since then, picking up a devoted fan base and multiple collaborations with artists like Lil' Wayne and Andre 3000 along the way. Slaying his contemporaries with speedy and powerful verses, Tech N9ne, whose real name is Aaron Yates, received his stage name from fellow rapper Black Walt due to his fast rhyming style.

Opening up for the rapping heavyweight will be several artists, including Krizz Kaliko, Prozak and up-and-comer Machine Gun Kelly (Richard Colson Baker), who won the Breaking Woodie Award at MTV's Woodie Awards last month, beating out Cloud Nothings, A\$AP Rocky and Azealia Banks.

"I was definitely surprised because 'MGK' is a very on-the-edge type name," Baker said. "People either love me or hate me. Fortunately, my fans are relentless."

Similar to Tech N9ne, MGK has also been praised for his fast rhyming deliver. His major label debut, *Half Naked & Almost Famous*, showcases the artist's ferocious rapping technique and in-your-face attitude. MGK's punk-rock energy derives from being influenced by groups such as Red Hot Chili Peppers and Anti-Flag.

"I love Anti-Flag," Baker said. "I'm excited to see them perform during this year's Vans Warped Tour, which I'll also be a part of."

Tech N9ne and MGK are sure to be spitting lyrical fire throughout the night, warming up Austinites for the weekend performances that await them.

“People either love me or hate me. Fortunately, my fans are relentless.”

— Machine Gun Kelly, Rapper



Elijah Watson
Daily Texan Staff

Rapper Childish Gambino, whose real name is Donald Glover, performs at last year's Fun Fun Fun Fest. He will be making another stop in Austin at Stubb's BBQ tonight with Danny Brown.

Childish Gambino with Danny Brown

When: Thursday April 5, doors open at 7 p.m.

Where: Stubb's BBQ

Web: childishgambino.com

Tech N9ne with others

When: Thursday, April 5, Doors open at 7 p.m.

Where: Emo's East

Cost: \$25-28

Web: emosaustin.com

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"I wanted to put together a band with a classic soul sound," Keith said. "I already had a few original songs written to start with that were rooted in soul music from the '60s. Eventually, we blended our different influences together and created a more modern edge to our sound."

Shortly after meeting guitarist Jonathon Zemek, Keith took to Craigslist to assemble Soul Track Mind's current lineup: Michael Mancuso (bass), Sammy P (keys), Zach Buie (trumpet), Douglas Leveton (drums) and Benjamin George (saxophone).

With the band intact, Soul Track Mind released their first full-length

debut, *Ghost of Soul*, back in August of 2010. The album received praise from Austin 360 and Texas Music Magazine for its nostalgic '60s and '70s R&B sound. For example, "I Get My Groove From You," evokes Motown pop sound with its luscious melodies, while "Little Red Heart" is reminiscent of lonely soulman Smokey Robinson.

The group truly struts their stuff live — Keith becomes a dancing machine, moving his hips and snapping his fingers to Leveton's rocking drums. George and Buie toot their horns with punchy bravado, bobbing their heads with such devotion you can't help but do the same. It's easy to get overcome by their upbeat, dance-friendly energy, clapping, hollering and knee-slapping until the very end of their set.

"We continue to get better and

better at capturing our 'live' sound," said Leveton. During this year's South By Southwest, the group had a memorable performance at the "Austin High" film screening party.

"This was our first show where we had a video projector, smoke, lights and lasers," Leveton said. "We did 100 minutes straight, before en-coring with 'Shout,' and everybody went wild."

The group's SXSW festivities were kept at a minimum, however — the band was busy recording new material at the Converse Rubber Tracks pop-up recording studio. Based out of Brooklyn, the recording studio offered Soul Track Mind and four other Texas-based bands the opportunity to record material, free of charge, allowing the artists retaining all rights to their work.

"We decided to bring a Converse

Rubber Tracks pop-up recording studio here to Austin because there's no place that celebrates music and the diversity of music like Austin," said Converse chief marketing officer Geoff Cottrill. "We just wanted to give something back to Texas and help out those bands that do not have the access to get into a good recording studio."

The recording session was an enjoyable experience for Soul Track Mind. Using the studio's equipment, the group was able to record new songs, tracking everything live to capture a more organic sound.

"It's not often that a company comes along and provides an all-expenses paid, no-strings attached studio session," Leveton said. "All in all, it was a great opportunity for us."

Having taken some time to re-

cord new material, Soul Track Mind is preparing to tour around the country. The band will be performing their first major festival debut at this year's Wakarusa Music Festival, at Ozark, Arkansas' Mulberry Mountain. They'll be playing alongside such popular artists as Girl Talk and Matisyahu.

Now the group is competing to play an even larger stage at the music festival: Through the use of a Facebook voting system, the band hopes to get bumped up to a bigger stage.

However, they are still excited to see other bands performing. "I know I'd personally like to see Fitz and the Tantrums, G. Love & Special Sauce, and our fellow Austinite, Gary Clark Jr.," Keith said.

Soul Track Mind is taking their funk-filled journey one day at a

Soul Track Mind

Who: Soul Track Mind

When: Thursday, April 5

Where: The Continental Club (1315 South Congress Ave.)

Cost: \$10 (21+ only)

Web: facebook.com/soul-trackmind

time. The band will record new songs in some of the towns they stop in, and will be giving energized, enthralling performance.

"We look forward to seeing our old fans again as we travel, as well as saving many new souls," Keith said.

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It's in your genes, sort of

While DNA sequencing is coming down in price, and it may be affordable in the near future for everybody to have a copy of their own genome, a new study suggests that the

implications may be negligible at best. By studying identical twins, or people who have the same DNA, the researchers discovered that, for most people, genetic risks of a given disease will be relatively low. Even those with the genetic markers only have slightly elevated risks and just because a

person tests negative for a particular disease, it doesn't mean they're safe from it. In other words, even for things that we think of as being "purely genetic," there are other factors that are still at work and having a complete printout of somebody's DNA won't tell everything about them.

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even tell at first glance if a dog is male or female. I'm anticipating a lot of tutus."

The parade will begin at noon at the corner of Congress Avenue and Annie Street and end at Jo's Coffee on 1300 South Congress Ave.. However, not all locals

are enthusiastic about dressing up their pet.

"I personally would not dress up my dogs and parade them around for people to see, but I would still possibly attend because of the vendors," said education sophomore Brooke Novy. "I do like that

you can bring your dogs to the event and not dress them up. Austin is a very dog-friendly place."

Austin Pets Alive! will have pets ready for adoption at the conclusion of the parade.

"It's our job to provide resources and eventually homes for pets," Jakstas said. "It's really cool to see pets that were once at-risk find good, loving homes."

Austin Pets Alive! will be offering pets for adoption on Saturday. To qualify, potential new pet owners must undergo an interview process and a background check.

"It's a really good cause; it's true to how Austin really is," Jakstas said. "It brings the people of Austin together and we're helping to save the lives of animals."

The event also features booths by local animal rescue and pet-related organizations, as well as a bounce castle and the Easter bunny for children. The event coordinators encourage all animal lovers to attend, even if they don't own a pet.

"You just need to bring your love of animals to have a good time," Jakstas said. "It's a very weird Austin event, but that's what makes it so fitting."

Puppy Parade

What: 13th Annual Easter Pet Parade in celebration of Leslie Cochran

When: Saturday, April 7

Where: corner of South Congress Avenue and Annie Street

Time: Noon until 3 p.m.

Cost: \$10 in advance, \$20 at the door to register pets

Web: joscoffee.com and sanjosehotel.com



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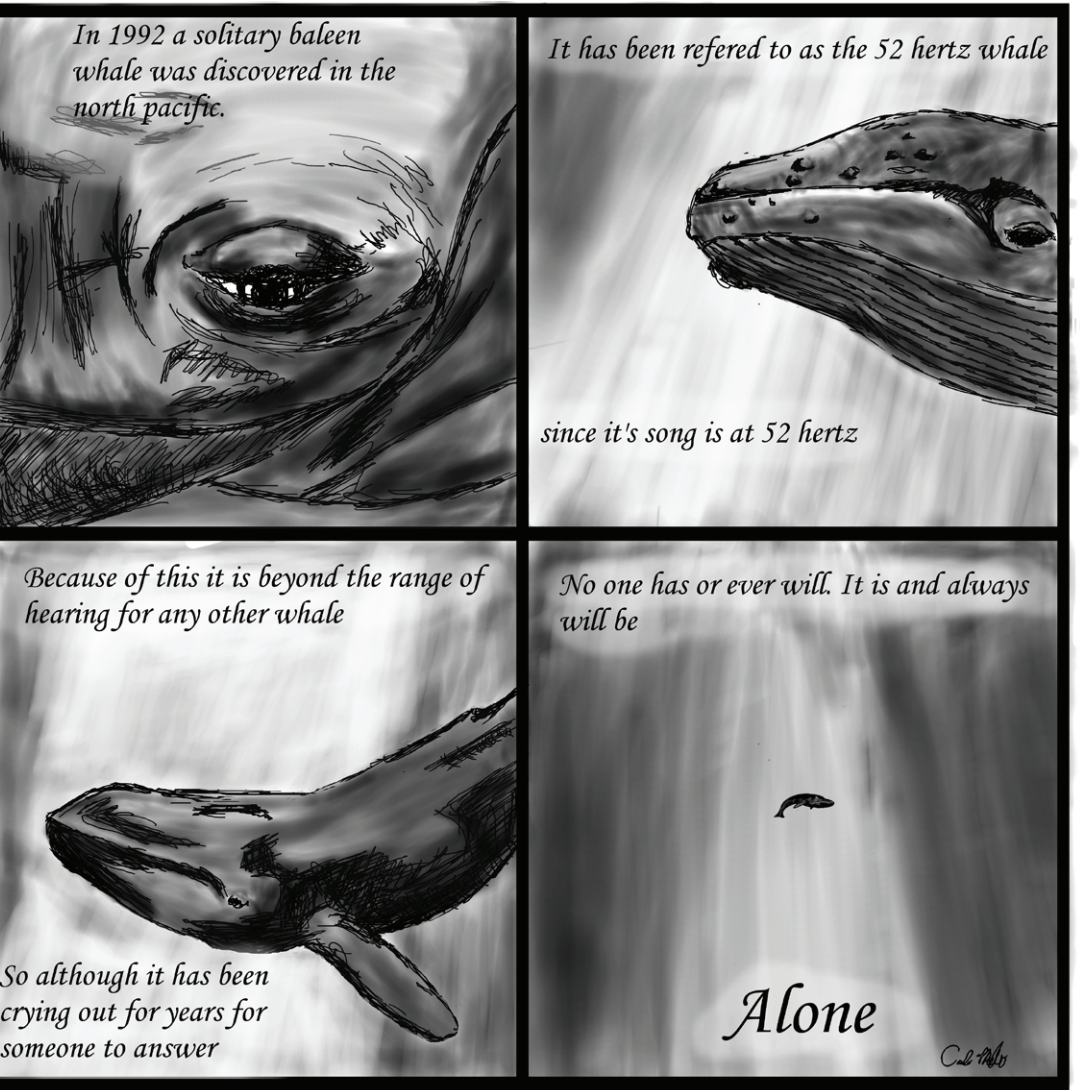


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6 Forward

11 Players who spend most of their time on the bench, briefly

14 ___ Club, 1930s-'60s New York hot spot

15 Peer of Ellington

16 Fish of the genus Moringua

17 Unnecessary words cluttering wise sayings?

19 Rai ___ (Italian TV channel)

20 Google results

21 Dropper?

22 See 36-Down

24 ___ Shuffle (boxing move)

25 Threat in "Armageddon"?

28 Salad bar tidbit

30 Pile of glacial debris

31 When repeated, words before "burning bright" to start a William Blake poem

32 Bark

34 Nap finish?

35 Good place for a picnic?

38 German interjections

41 Honor His Honor, say

42 Pushes for

46 Fly-catching birds

48 Out

49 Like a tenacious sibling?

52 Nutritional fig.

53 Additions and deletions, say

54 Soak

55 Old Dodge

56 Sharp-edged tool

57 "We've taken the city, but can we defend it?"

61 Festa de ___ Joao

62 Native parka wearer

63 Sharp-crested ridge

64 Directional ending

65 Peter who directed "The Dresser"

66 Like an unlucky encierro participant

Down

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2 Kansas mil. post built in 1853

3 Support

4 Sportscaster Cross and others

5 Classic Jaguar

6 Arafat successor

7 Israel's third-largest city

8 That: Sp.

9 Insurance giant on the N.Y.S.E.

10 Further in

11 City named after the French for "strait"

12 Princess Leia, e.g.

13 Not Rubens's type

18 Agitate

23 They can be felt in a classroom

25 Extreme

26 Belted, in the Bible

27 It's sold in tubs

29 Least windy

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When the dogs come marching in



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By Lindsey Cherner
Daily Texan Staff

On Saturday, April 7, Hotel San Jose and Jo's Hot Coffee will host their 13th Annual Easter Pet Parade, in which pets will be dressed in drag theme in honor of local cross-dressing homeless icon Leslie Cochran, who died in March, to benefit Austin Pets Alive!.

Tina Rose, stage manager for

the parade and owner of three dogs, one cat and one hamster, has participated in the parade every year. Rose said she has seen the event grow exponentially over the last 12 years.

"It started out real neighborhood-y; just folks from around Jo's Coffee," Rose said. "Then South Congress grew to be super hipster, and as long as it doesn't rain, lots of people have been showing up

even if it's just to show support."

Rose said that every year, the parade is a memorial with South Austin-style that benefits a local animal charity. This year, all proceeds will go towards Austin Pets Alive!, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and providing the resources, education and programs needed to eliminate the killing of companion animals.

In addition, Cochran will be re-

membered at the parade as one of Austin's greatest citizens, a memorable figure both for the homeless in Austin, and for the entire city.

Rose noted that Cochran could occasionally be spotted around Jo's Coffee, and that he was always a great conversationalist.

"He was one of those great Austin people, one of those 'Keep Austin Weird' guys," Rose said. "He was sometimes controversial, but

it's always sad whenever you lose someone that's been part of the fabric [of Austin]."

Pet owners are encouraged to dress their pets up in drag attire in Cochran's memory.

"We usually see everything from Easter baskets to Tina Turner look-alikes," Rose said of past parades. "People have even entered their chickens in the contest."

The costume judging will begin

at the conclusion of the parade, and judges will determine which of the pets have the most charisma and are most uniquely dressed.

"I'm interested to see the extremes of costumes we'll get this year," said Kristina Jakstas, outreach coordinator for Austin Pets Alive!. "The drag theme is funny because lots of times you can't

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Funk-rock Soul Track Mind is life of party with layered sound

By Elijah Watson
Daily Texan Staff

Local group Soul Track Mind have no qualms about bringing the funk. From their melodic, powerful horn section to frontman Donovan Keith's pleasing falsetto reminiscent of soul crooner Al Green's, Soul Track Mind is all about one thing: being the life of the party. The seven-piece funk-rock ensemble will be performing tonight at the Continental Club.

The brainchild of Keith, Soul Track Mind came together when the vocalist moved to Austin in January of 2008.



Photo courtesy of Soul Track Mind

Austin-based funk-rock ensemble Soul Track Mind will be performing at the Continental Club before heading out on the road for a national tour.

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Hip-hop icons to heat up weekend, draw fans

By Elijah Watson
Daily Texan Staff

Hip-hop heads rejoice: Thursday will feature two shows sure to appeal to both hardcore rap fans and music-savvy hipsters.

Comedian and witty word-smith Donald Glover, commonly known as Childish Gambino, will be bringing his punch-line raps and charismatic stage persona to a sold-out crowd. Glover first gained attention with his hit song "Freaks and Geeks." In early April of last year, the artist

embarked on his first tour with a full-fledged band, the "I Am Donald Tour." In fact, Glover has come through Austin on many occasions, including last year's Fun Fun Fun Fest. Opening for Childish Gambino will be the eccentric Danny Brown, whose unkempt hair and gap-toothed smile has become a favorite of Austin alternative rap lovers.

Starting out as a graduate from New York University, Glover landed a role as a writer for the TV show "30 Rock" back in 2006. Balancing between jobs as

a writer, comedian and musician, Glover found time to make new music. He released his latest album, *Camp*, in November of last year. Whereas his earlier releases showed him relying on gimmicks (2008's *Sick Boi*), *Camp* shows the artist tackling more personal subject matter. He goes from talking about a relationship that will never happen ("Heart-beat"), to addressing all of his opposers ("Backpackers"), without losing a beat.

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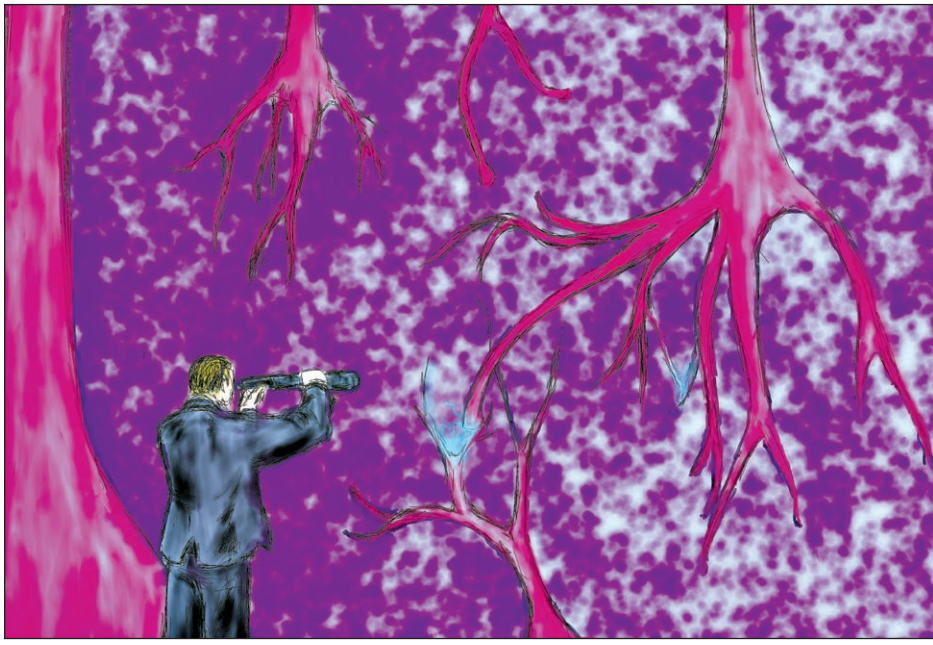


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3-D map shows brain 'has a lot of nerve'

SCIENCE SCENE

By Robert Starr

By looking at the way that water flows through the brain, several researchers have been able to put together a clear and beautiful picture of the nerves in the human brain. Though these nerves have been seen and studied before, they haven't been looked at as comprehensively and systematically as in this paper, published in *Science*. The paper noted the three-dimensional grid-like structure of the axons, which are organized in such a way as to allow constant rewiring. While the specific reasoning for why the structure is the way it is may be a question currently up for debate,

study author Van Wedeen says he finds it "hard to believe that it doesn't have an answer."

Pesticide is the bees' disease?

Two studies this week, both published in *Science*, have linked the recent demise in bee populations to pesticides, though these reports aren't without their flaws. The first paper suggested that low levels of pesticides can affect honeybee brains, causing the bees to have difficulty finding their way home. The second showed that the chemicals prevent bumblebees from keeping enough food in their hives to produce new queens. Still, the reduction in bees is a complicated issue that's likely a result of many factors, including fewer flowers and more pathogens, in addition to the pesticides studied by these papers. It's unlikely that there's going to be one

simple explanation for the cause of the decline in the bee populations.

Autism still on the rise

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have released a new report suggesting that 1 in 88 children has a form of autism — up from 1 in 150 from a decade ago — and rising to 1 in 54 for male children. Though this rising trend has been observed for quite a while, during which time we've studied the disease and developed a better understanding, we still don't fully understand the reasons behind it. According to Mark Roithmayr, president of Autism Speaks, the higher rate of diagnosis is a result of "better diagnosis, broader diagnosis, better awareness and roughly 50 percent of 'We don't know.'"

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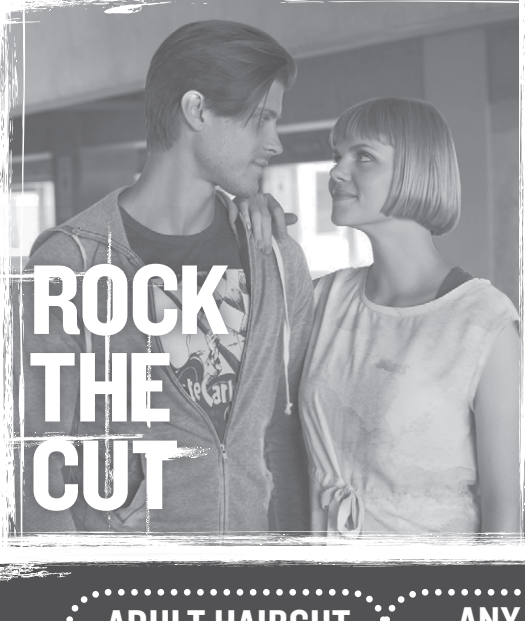
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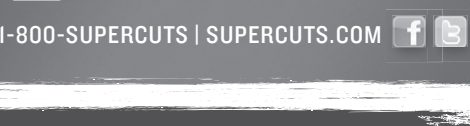
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